

Division of Medicaid State of Mississippi Provider Policy Manual	New: X Revised: X Current:	Date: 08/01/03 Date: <u>06/01/07</u>
Section: Mental Health/Community Mental Health (CMH)	Section: 15.07	
Subject: Credential Requirements for Day Treatment Staff Reserved for Future Use	Pages: 1 Cross Reference: Section 15.05	

In Section 15.05 (effective 7/01/01) the requirements for staff providing day treatment services in a CMHC setting are a master's degree and licensure/certification. The DMH Minimum Standards (effective 7/01/01) allow bachelor's level staff currently working in day treatment programs a "grace period" in which to obtain a master's degree and licensure/certification. In order to be consistent with the DMH, the DOM is providing this time-limited policy to clarify DOM's position regarding day treatment services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.

- ~~Bachelor's level staff employed by a CMHC on or before 6/30/02 to provide day treatment service may continue to provide day treatment services for children, but documentation of services must be countersigned by a licensed/certified staff. The Department of Mental Health Daily/Weekly/Monthly Day Treatment Progress Note must be countersigned by the licensed/certified staff at least monthly.~~
- ~~Anyone hired on or after July 1, 2002 to provide day treatment services must have a master's degree.~~
- ~~The grace period, during which day treatment staff hired before July 1, 2002, may continue providing day treatment services while obtaining a master's degree, will end December 31, 2005. As of January 1, 2006, all day treatment staff must meet the credential requirements in Section 15.05.~~
- ~~Newly hired master's level staff may provide day treatment services for a temporary period of time (expected to be 60 days, but never more than 90 days) from their hire date while they are obtaining licensure/certification. Application for licensure/certification must be initiated within 14 calendar days of hire date.~~

~~This section of the CMH Manual will no longer be effective after December 31, 2005. No exceptions will be made.~~

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